

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of claims:**

Claims 1-46 (canceled)

Claim 47 (new): An information access system capable of distributing program meta information and a content with an interrelation established therebetween, the information access system comprising:

transmission means for transmitting the program meta information and a meta information reference ID from an information distribution device to an information reception device;

reception means for receiving the program meta information and the meta information reference ID from the information distribution device;

request means for requesting content meta information to the information distribution device based on the meta information reference ID received by the reception means;

distribution means for distributing the content meta information to the information reception device in response to the request made by the request means; and

display means for displaying the content meta information acquired from the information distribution device.

Claim 48 (new): The information access system according to claim 47, wherein the reception means receives the program meta information and the meta information reference ID over a network.

Claim 49 (new): The information access system according to claim 47, wherein the reception means receives the program meta information and the meta information reference ID over a broadcast wave.

Claim 50 (new): The information access system according to claim 47, wherein the content meta information received based on the meta information reference ID includes address information of an entity of the content.

Claim 51 (new): The information access system according to claim 49, further comprising

first content access means for making an access to the content based on the address information of the entity of the content.

Claim 52 (new): The information access system according to claim 51, further comprising

first analysis means for analyzing preference information from the content accessed by the first access means.

Claim 53 (new): The information access system according to claim 52, wherein the content is searched based on the preference information.

Claim 54 (new): The information access system according to claim 47, wherein the content meta information is set with a keyword related to a program.

Claim 55 (new): The information access system according to claim 54, further comprising

second content access means for making an access to the content related to the keyword based on the keyword.

Claim 56 (new): The information access system according to claim 55, further comprising

second analysis means for analyzing preference information from the content found by the search means based on the keyword.

Claim 57 (new): The information access system according to claim 56, wherein the search means further comprises preference search means for searching the content based on the preference information.

Claim 58 (new): An information distribution device capable of distributing program meta information and a content with an interrelation established therebetween, the information distribution device comprising:

transmission means for transmitting the program meta information and a meta information reference ID to an information reception device;

reception means for receiving a request for content meta information from the information reception device based on the meta information reference ID; and

transmission means for transmitting the content meta information to the information reception device based on the meta information reference ID.

Claim 59 (new): The information distribution device according to claim 58, wherein the transmission means transmits the program information and the meta information reference ID over a network.

Claim 60 (new): The information distribution device according to claim 58, wherein the transmission means transmits the program information and the meta information reference ID over a broadcast wave.

Claim 61 (new): An information access device comprising:

reception means for receiving program meta information and a meta information reference ID;

request means for requesting content meta information based on the meta information reference ID; and

display means for displaying the content meta information after reception.

Claim 62 (new): The information access device according to claim 61, the wherein reception means receives the program meta information and the meta information reference ID over a network.

Claim 63 (new): The information access device according to claim 61, wherein the reception means receives the program meta information and the meta information reference ID over a broadcast wave.

Claim 64 (new): The information access device according to claim 61, further comprising first content access means for making an access to address information of an entity of the content included in the content meta information.

Claim 65 (new): The information access device according to claim 64, further comprising first analysis means for analyzing preference information derived by accessing the address information of the entity of the content.

Claim 66 (new): The information access device according to claim 65, further comprising search means for searching the content based on the preference information.

Claim 67 (new): The information access device according to claim 61, further comprising second content access means for making an access to the content based on a keyword relating to the content included in the content meta information.

Claim 68 (new): The information access device according to claim 67, further comprising second analysis means for analyzing preference information of the content accessed based on the keyword.

Claim 69 (new): The information access device according to claim 68, further comprising preference search means for searching the content based on the preference information.

Claim 70 (new): An information access method capable of distributing program meta information and a content with an interrelation established therebetween, the information access method comprising:

transmitting the program meta information and a meta information reference ID from an information distribution device to an information reception device;

receiving the program meta information and the meta information reference ID from the information distribution device;

requesting content meta information to the information distribution device based on the received meta information reference ID;

distributing the content meta information to the information reception device; and

displaying the content meta information acquired from the information distribution device.

Claim 71 (new): The information access method according to claim 70, wherein the program meta information and the meta information reference ID are received over a network.

Claim 72 (new): The information access method according to claim 70, wherein the program meta information and the meta information reference ID are received over a broadcast wave.

Claim 73 (new): The information access method according to claim 70, wherein the content meta information received based on the meta information reference ID includes address information of an entity of the content.

Claim 74 (new): The information access method according to claim 73, wherein the content is accessed based on the address information of the entity of the content.

Claim 75 (new): The information access method according to claim 74, wherein preference information is analyzed from the accessed content.

Claim 76 (new): The information access method according to claim 75, wherein the content is searched based on the preference information.

Claim 77 (new): The information access method according to claim 70, wherein the content meta information is set with a keyword related to a program.

Claim 78 (new): The information access method according to claim 77, wherein the content related to the keyword is searched based on the keyword.

Claim 79 (new): The information access method according to claim 78, wherein preference information is analyzed from the content found based on the keyword.

Claim 80 (new): The information access method according to claim 79, wherein the content is searched based on the preference information.

Claim 81 (new): An information distribution method comprising  
transmitting program meta information and a meta information reference ID to an information reception device,  
receiving a request for content meta information from the information reception device based on the meta information reference ID; and  
transmitting the content meta information to the information reception device based on the meta information reference ID.

Claim 82 (new): The information distribution method according to claim 81, wherein the program meta information and the meta information reference ID are transmitted over a network.

Claim 83 (new): The information distribution method according to claim 81, wherein the program meta information and the meta information reference ID are transmitted over a broadcast wave.

Claim 84 (new): An information access method comprising receiving program meta information and a meta information reference ID; requesting content meta information based on the meta information reference ID; and receiving and displaying the content meta information.

Claim 85 (new): The information access method according to claim 84, wherein the program meta information and the meta information reference ID are received over a network.

Claim 86 (new): The information access method according to claim 84, wherein the program meta information and the meta information reference ID are received over a broadcast wave.

Claim 87 (new): The information access method according to claim 84, wherein address information of an entity of a content included in the content meta information is accessed.

Claim 88 (new): The information access method according to claim 87, wherein preference information derived by accessing the address information of the entity of the content is analyzed.

Claim 89 (new): The information access method according to claim 42, wherein the content is searched based on the preference information.

Claim 90 (new): The information access method according to claim 84, wherein the content is accessed based on a keyword related to the content included in the content meta information.

Claim 91 (new): The information access method according to claim 90, wherein preference information of the content accessed based on the keyword is analyzed.

Claim 92 (new): The information access method according to claim 91, wherein the content is searched based on the preference information.